



Awards and Recognitions

The North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association awards committee is now accepting nominations for exemplary Occupational Therapy practice. Please use the nomination tool found on the NCOTA webpage www.ncota.org/conferences to highlight the outstanding accomplishments of your colleagues this year.

DEADLINE: 11:59 pm on September 3, 2021

If you have any questions or concerns, please email ncotaawards@ncota.org. Please give us 24 hours to respond to your inquiry; if you do not hear from us within 24 hours, email office@ncota.org.

We are looking forward to reviewing submissions!

Suzanne C. Scullin Award

Purpose

This is the ultimate award for a broad scope of contributions to the practice of occupational therapy and NCOTA. The award is designated to recognize an individual who has made a wide range of contributions to the practice of occupational therapy and to the NCOTA..

Eligibility

The candidate must be licensed to practice in North Carolina as an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant and a member of NCOTA.

Criteria

Completed nomination form received by NCOTA by the deadline.

Award for Outstanding Clinical Practice

Purpose

The Clinical Practice Award recognizes an individual for demonstration of excellence within clinical practice settings.

Eligibility

The candidate must be licensed to practice in North Carolina as an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant and a member of NCOTA.

Criteria

- A candidate must have a minimum of three years of practice experience.
- A candidate should demonstrate advanced practice beyond entry-level as evidenced by completion or participation but not limited to; board certification, advanced clinical specialization certificate, clinical research, publications, or presentations that foster interest and skill development in advanced forms of clinical practice.
- A completed nomination form must be received by the NCOTA deadline.

Nova Award

Purpose

The NOVA Award recognizes outstanding achievement in the practice of Occupational Therapy during the individual's first five years in the profession.

Eligibility

- The candidate must be licensed to practice in North Carolina as an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant and a member of NCOTA.
- The candidate must be in the first five years working as a professional Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Criteria

- The candidate must demonstrate a significant contribution to Occupational Therapy in North Carolina and supported the mission of NCOTA.
- A completed nomination form must be received by the NCOTA deadline.

Award of Appreciation

Purpose

This award shows the appreciation of the NCOTA for significant contributions to the advancement of Occupational Therapy in North Carolina during the preceding year.

Eligibility

Any individual or group who has provided support or assistance to the NCOTA is eligible for this award.

Criteria

- The candidate has provided time, knowledge, or expertise to support the mission of NCOTA.
- A completed nomination form must be received by the NCOTA deadline.

Award of Merit

Purpose

The Award of Merit recognizes outstanding contributions of the Occupational Therapy profession.

Eligibility

A candidate must be licensed to practice in North Carolina as an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant and a member of NCOTA.

Criteria

- The candidate should demonstrate significant contributions to occupational therapy clinical practice, innovation, quality improvement, research, education, consultation, advocacy, leadership, administration, communication, or service to NCOTA.
- A completed nomination form must be received by the NCOTA deadline.

Occupational Therapy Assistant Award

Purpose

The purpose of this award recognizes outstanding contributions by an Occupational Therapy Assistant to the Occupational Therapy profession.

Eligibility

The candidate must be licensed to practice in North Carolina as an Occupational Therapy Assistant and a member of NCOTA.

Criteria

- The candidate should demonstrate significant contributions to occupational therapy clinical practice, innovation, quality improvement, research, education, consultation, advocacy, leadership, administration, communication, or service to NCOTA.
- A completed nomination form must be received by the NCOTA deadline.

Janice O'Conner Alvarez Clinical Fieldwork Education Award

Purpose

This award recognizes an outstanding clinical fieldwork educator or academic fieldwork coordinator. An award will be given to an Occupational Therapist and Occupational Therapy Assistant.

Eligibility

The candidate must be licensed to practice in North Carolina as an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant and a member of NCOTA who serves as a fieldwork educator or coordinator.

Criteria

- The candidate must have favorable evaluations from students who completed their fieldwork experiences with this fieldwork educator.

- The candidate must participate in continuing education related to supervision, teaching, and evaluation of learning or mentoring.
- The candidate must recognize the uniqueness of each student and adapts their supervisory style accordingly.
- The candidate should engage actively in evaluating their effectiveness as a fieldwork supervisor.
- A completed nomination form must be received by the NCOTA deadline.

Student Contribution Award of Excellence

Purpose

This award recognizes the significant contributions to the NCOTA given by a student NCOTA member. A candidate should demonstrate leadership and excellence in academic and clinical performance.

Eligibility

Nominees must be NCOTA members, enrolled as a student in an ACOTE accredited program in North Carolina and a member of the programs Student Occupational Therapy Association.

Criteria

- The candidate should make significant contributions at the student level in clinical practice, research, and public relations.
- The candidate must be a member of the Student Occupational Therapy Association and NCOTA.
- A completed nomination form must be received by the NCOTA deadline.